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Michael Miles
District Division Chief
California Department of Transportation
District 7
120 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Miles:

On behalf of the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, I want to thank Superintendents Bill Gunn of the Tarzana yard and Edward Toledo of the North Hollywood yard. The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program addresses quality of life problems that plague our communities by identifying, prioritizing, and addressing criminal problems that can lead to urban decay.

One of the issues that the San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Prosecutors are addressing is homelessness. Bill Gunn and Edward Toledo have been working with them, and the collaboration has been encouraging. Both Mr. Gunn and Mr. Toledo are creative problem-solvers who are willing to work with different community partners to solve quality of life problems.

During the joint taskforces to remove homeless encampments along the freeways, not only have many tons of debris been removed, but four homeless people have agreed to go into a shelter rather than live on the streets. With the help of Mr. Gunn and Mr. Toledo, the City Attorney's Office, LAPD, CHP, CalTrans, and several community-based homeless services organizations have made this community safer for everyone.

Again, we want to express our gratitude toward Bill Gunn and Edward Toledo.

Sincerely,

Jose Egurbide
Deputy City Attorney
Valley Bureau Coordinator, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program

